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SUBJECT:ARAB-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REP TO VISIT
EGYPT

1. ATEF GAMAL-ELDIN OF ARAB-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN HOUSTON INFORMED DEP ASST SECY DAVIES OF PLANS TO VISIT
CAIRO FEBRUARY 18. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO EXPLORE
WITH GOE OFFICIALS OPENING OF OFFICE IN CAIRO TO SERVICE
AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHO WILL BE VISITING EGYPT IN
INCREASING NUMBERS. GAMAL-ELDIN SAYS CHAMBER WANTS TO
ENLIST SERVICES OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL,
AHMAD ADL TO HEAD CAIRO OFFICE. ACCORDING TO GAMAL-ELDIN,
ADL SERVED AT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND IS
ACTIVE MAN WITH GOOD EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN. GAMAL-ELDIN HOPES TO GET APPOINTMENT WITH
HEGAZY TO DISCUSS MATTER. HE IS CONFIDENT GOE WILL BE
RESPONSIVE TO IDEA. CHAMBER OFFICE IN CAIRO WOULD BE
FIRST OF SEVERAL PLANNED IN MIDDLE EAST.

2. WE BELIEVE IDEA FOR SETTING UP CHAMBER OFFICES HAS
MERIT, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF ASSISTANCE SUCH ENTITIES
CAN RENDER TO US BUSINESS CIRCLES. AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD
PREFER THAT GOE COME TO OWN DECISION ON MATTER WITHOUT
OFFICIAL USG INVOLVEMENT.

3. GAMAL-ELDIN SAID HE INTENDS TO CONTACT USINT TO CONVEY
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